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## Letters to the Editor

*Beginning with the June 7 issue of the Evangelical Visitor, containing the General Conference Sermon, interested friends and kin of missionaries have provided a fund for sending EV to missionaries via air mail. The following letters from each of the three overseas Fields speak for themselves.*

Banmankhi, Bihar, India  
June 20, 1965

Dear Brother Hostetter,

We were indeed pleased and surprised to receive the June 7, 1965 issue of the *Evangelical Visitor* at our station on June 14. Just a short time previously we had received our sea mail copy of the February 1, 1965 edition. This will give you a little idea of the contrast between air and sea mail. We do sincerely thank you for making it possible for these to come through by air.

... Again, our thanks to you and those responsible for making it possible to receive the EV within a week after its publication.

Sincerely yours,  
Harvey and Erma Sider

Livingstone, Zambia, Africa  
June 21, 1965

Dear Brother and Sister Hostetter,

Just yesterday you left Livingstone. Or so it seems. . . . Imagine our pleasant surprise the other day when the VISITOR came air mail! And it was a double treat as I was able to get the Conference sermon even while Conference was still in session. I had followed that annual 'lift' for a decade, and can do it now only very remotely. Sometimes we catch ourselves making little wishes. Well, I didn't have to wish this time, as it wasn't hard to fit Roy's delivery into the printed page. So thank you very much in getting it to us by air.

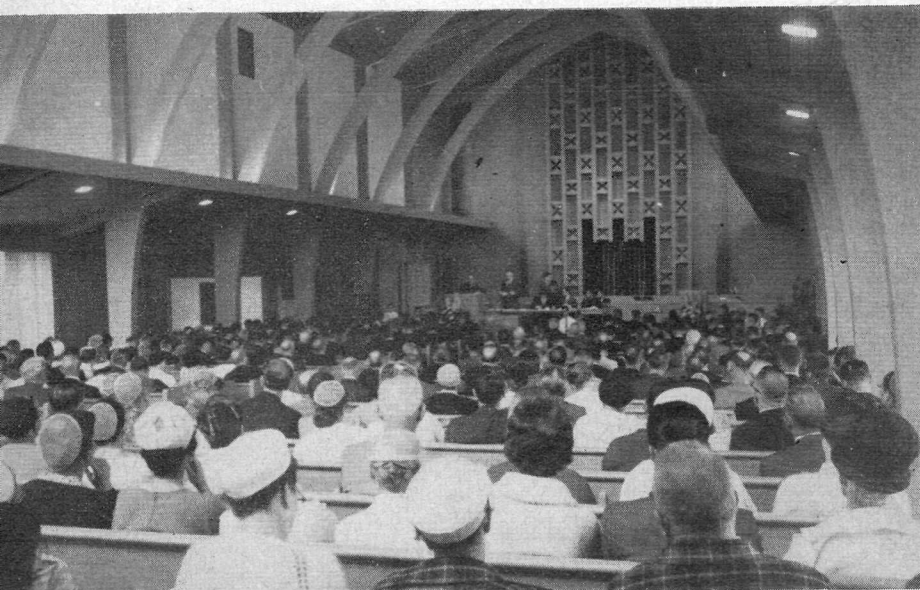
I wonder if there would be a way for us to thank anyone who might be sharing in this. (Missionaries already have the list of those who have made the fund possible) There is always a footnote, isn't there?

Your co-workers here,  
Lamar and Anna Mae Fretz

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**Cover Page:** Top: General Conference in Session, Upland Church, California. To the right are Sanctuary and Education Building; immediate left is Prayer Chapel; Far left is the new Fellowship Hall. Bottom: left; Alvin C. Burkholder, host bishop; right, Eber Dourte, host pastor.

Top to bottom, left to right: Bishop Charlie B. Byers, moderator; moderator greets Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga chosen to serve as assistant moderator; interior view of the commodious Upland Church Sanctuary; Rev. Roy V. Sider presents the Conference Sermon. Rev. David Mushala brings personal greetings from the Brethren in Christ Church in Africa.



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The Editor writes:

## Glimpses into General Conference

Thirty six years ago, 1929, this writer was for the first time a voting attendant of the General Conference. As a lad of twelve years memory recalls being in attendance at the Cross Roads, Lancaster County, Pa., General Conference. Some recollections surround 1922 at Grantham and 1926 when General Conference was entertained in the Dauphin-Lebanon District, convening at Fairland.

Comparisons in any area can become rather odious. Church conferences are certainly no exception. And yet, how can one think in terms of today without reflecting a bit about yesterday. The folly that yesterday was all right and today all is questionable or vice versa is likely responsible for odiousness when comparisons are made. Sane thinking knows, just as all is not perfect and ideal in church life today, the yesterday was also made up of like frail human beings whose successes we like to emulate. Is herein some consolation? Those who follow forty years from now may perchance have a few gracious remarks about the General Conferences and church life in the 1960's.

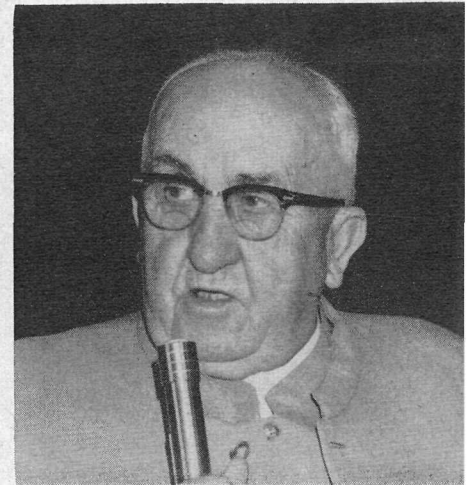
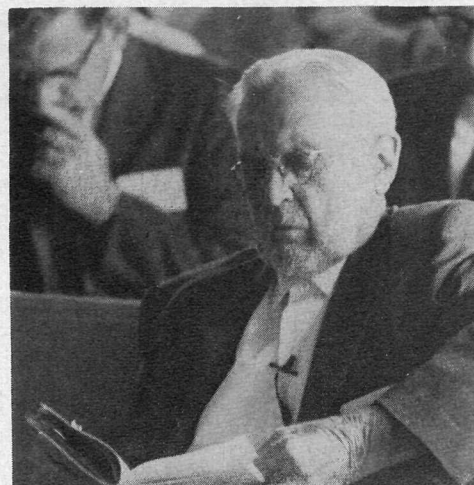
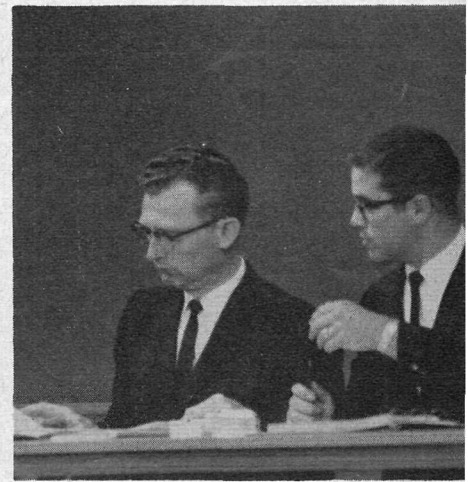
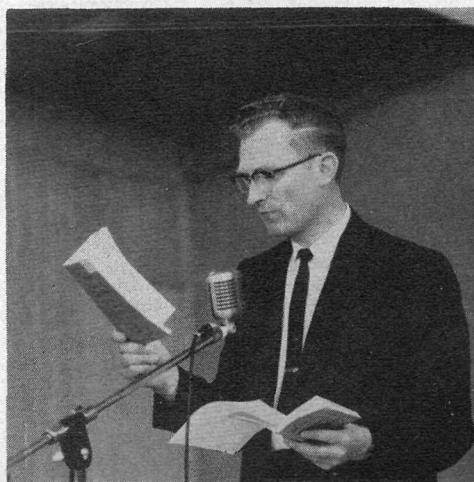
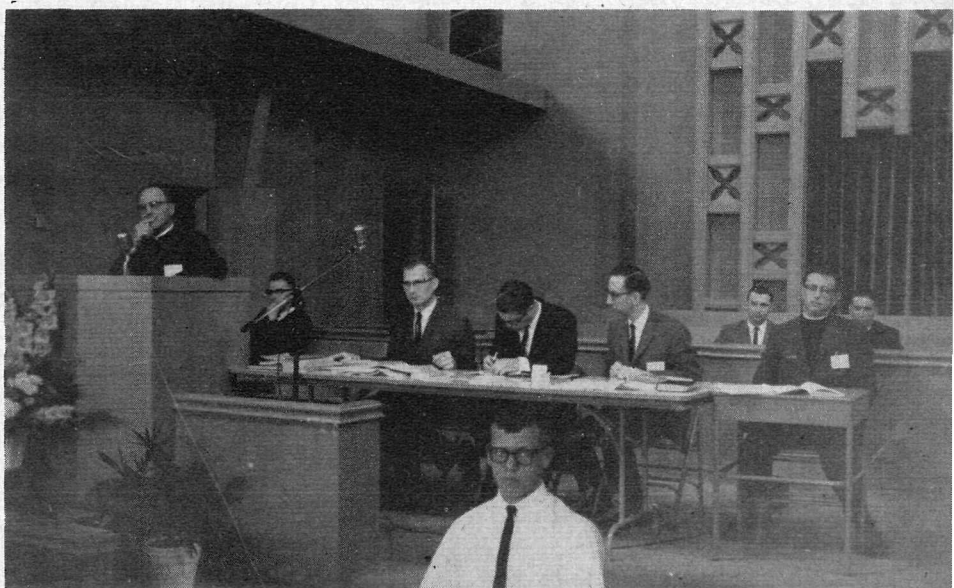
This was a good General Conference! If the writer heard this once he heard the saying numerous times. What makes a General Conference good?

It was fitting action years ago when certain places were chosen as acceptable locations for General Conference to convene. Instances such as mild and limited experiences with food poisoning have been virtually eliminated. Settings in which boards and committees do their work contributes for care and deliberation during the hours of necessary work.

This was a good General Conference! Our hosts were most gracious. Bishop Alvin C. Burkholder, host bishop; Rev. Eber Dourte, host pastor; with co-operative committee-men and -ladies left no barriers unbroken to provide comfort and adequate accommodations for the hundreds who came from the east to the west. The ability to keep details and petty factors that disturb the peace to a minimum, gave evidence of effective planning and thoughtful concern for the welfare of guests.

But then, the quality of the General Conference is rather loosely connected with these mundane affairs even though they are necessary for a conference get-

*Top to bottom, left to right:* Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga introduces Dr. Jared Gerig; Dr. Gerig, President of N. A. E. brings greetings to the General Conference; Moderators and clerical staff, microphone boy in the foreground; Dr. Owen H. Alderfer, General Conference Secretary, program in one hand, Manual of Doctrine and Government in the other, clarifies an issue to the Conference; Recording Secretary, Norman A. Bert assists Dr. Alderfer; Senior member of General Conference, past 90 years of age, Bishop J. H. Wagaman; Bishop E. J. Swalm discusses from the floor.



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together. A sense of spiritual warmth; the presence of an urgency in the sense of the Christian ministry; perception, with an understanding of what are important and basic concerns of the Christian church; these are what contribute vitally in constituting a good General Conference.

Somehow, the Brethren in Christ Church is different. Most conferences now-a-days have some kind of church union, an ecumenical concern on the docket. A fraternal committee would have been at work and a consideration of some "body" with which to join, would at least have been up for review. Does the absence of such concern indicate striking singularity, absence of church conviviality, or what?

Our Brotherhood has a fine working relationship with . . . . . If this writing would detail leadership participation in inter-church and interevangelical activities, likely it would be wrongly interpreted. There is a legitimate concern; at what point is church life impoverished by sharing capable leadership? Is it correct to assume: benefits, both direct and indirect are commensurate or more than the service rendered?

The Brethren in Christ Church has no immediate consideration of church union under way. Likely this will come in due time. Presently we have no qualms about working and cooperating with fellow believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Any successful organic union must be preceded by a spiritual flow and interflow that demonstrates a like concept of the centrality and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In areas such as missions, social ministries and publications, the Church is participating in some very meaningful inter-actions.

There was a sense of mission and direction prevailing within the Conference. Not all questions were resolved to the satisfaction of all. There was a coming together from sides of questions, indicating noble Christian attitudes with a spirit of working together taking precedence.

Has not the ability to more properly relate sociological concepts and Biblical spiritual values been one of the notable advances in Brethren in Christ church life? Concerns oftentimes defined as spiritual problems were more ethnical than spiritual.

A contrast of twenty-five and thirty years ago, pertains to open discussions in General Conference. Trivial matters often found their way to the floor and their being resolved was most time consuming. Discussion times at this General Conference were periods of profit.

One rather interesting action of the Conference surrounded a recommendation coming from the Board of Administration. The action had to do with age in the election or re-election of a bishop. The recommendation asked for ineligibility if the 66th birthday was reached before the close of the year in which the election was held. The recommendation was not approved.

*Top to bottom, left to right:* Pastor Ben Jennings, Van Nuys Missionary Church, addresses the General Conference; Pastor B. M. Books, Hamlin, Kansas brings a devotional meditation; Sunday evening Vesper Service on Upland College Campus; Harry Burkholder gives testimony at Vesper Service; Crusader Team sings at Vesper Service; Harold Musser, Pacific Conference member of Men's Fellowship greets the Men's Banquet at Elton's Restaurant Saturday evening; Mr. William Bright, Campus Crusade, speaks on soul winning to men attending the banquet.



This is an interesting decision as one reflects on General Conference action in the 30's. Up until then, bishop election was for life, good behaviour or personal resignation. The procedure adopted in the 30's called for a bishop referendum at 65 years of age. This was the practice until the change of administration in 1957. In the knowledge of the writer, in the twenty years this action was followed, no district leader was relieved of his duties by a referendum.

Debate from the floor was interesting. There was a two pronged attack against the recommendation. Quite a bit of sentiment was built around examples of leadership whose strength, veracity and usefulness pertained to their older years.

A poignant thrust of the discussion had to do with the psychology of putting on record a retirement age. Such in writing could have too great a bearing on whether a man's services should continue even if the age level has not been reached. The bishop's nominating committee must face their task in recommending key leadership on the basis of the best interest of the Cause combined with due Christian concern for personalities involved.

Considerable discussion surrounded a recommendation for associate church membership for those who have been caught in the maelstrom of divorce and remarriage. This action, sustained by a 75% vote in no way changes the doctrine of the Brethren in Christ Church as pertains to Christian marriage.

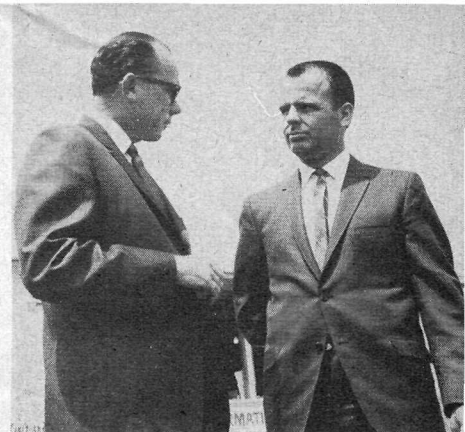
For quite a number of years, the Church has administered water baptism and given communion to those involved in divorce and remarriage who have come into a personal saving knowledge with the Lord Jesus Christ. Acceptance into associate church membership represents another step and effort to be of real help and continuing assistance to those involved.

There was the sense of making an honest approach to the problem even though we still do not have all the correct answers.

A new interest was created for the Gospel Tide Hour, the official Radio Broadcast of the Brethren in Christ Church. Led by the Radio Commission, Friday afternoon's promotion hour featured the actual preparation of a radio broadcast, released over radio stations the fore-part of July. Technical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. William Boyer. From a layman's point of view, the preparation was well executed with message and music of a quality that is complimentary to the Brethren in Christ Church.

Some lengthy and somber shadows surround Upland College. A financial crisis necessitates most careful planning for the immediate days ahead. The Conference listened with sympathetic attention to a report concerning Upland College as presented through the Board for Schools and Colleges. Thought and planning surrounds merger possibilities or some disposition that will provide a continuing ministry. General Conference pledged prayerful support to those who have the weighty task of immediate administration.

*Top to bottom, left to right: Youth Director Walter Winger chats with youth on Youth Day at General Conference; Dwight Bert, Chairman of Board for Schools and Colleges confers with Dr. D. Ray Hostetter, president of Messiah College; Fellowship Hall at meal time; the line-up leading to Fellowship Hall; Youth enjoying their stay at General Conference; C. W. Boyer and Editor Hostetter consider matters of the committee on Economic and Social Relations; Pastor Paul Snyder, Carlisle, Pa., fellowships with two of his parishioners, Cyrus Niesley and Eber Lehman.*





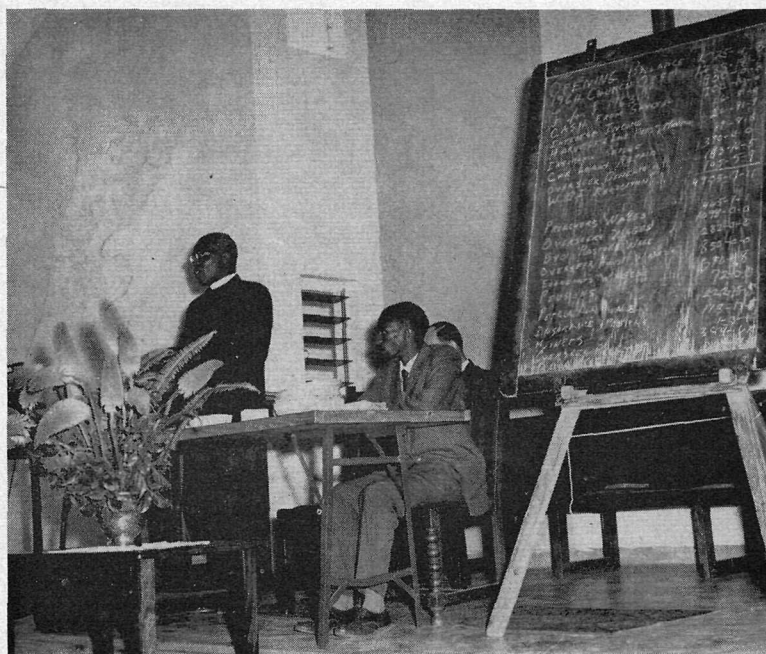
# MISSIONS

## The Church At Work

Rhodesia Regional Conference  
Convened at Mtshabezi Mission  
May 12-16, 1965



Bishop A. J. Book, Chairman of Conference; Rev. P. M. Kumalo, Assistant Moderator; Mr. W. J. Makalima, Secretary. Interpreter T. Ndlovu in background.



After the financial report (by C. R. Heisey in absence of Treasurer I. M. Kumalo, Rev. P. M. Kumalo conducts business. Also seen are Secretary Makalima, and Bishop Alvin Book.

IT WAS WEDNESDAY evening, May 12, and the church was gathering at Mtshabezi Mission for the Fourth Annual Regional Conference. The new church seating comfortably one thousand people was being filled silently when from the center of the congregation someone started the song, "Woza, Moya OyiNgcwele" (Come, Holy Spirit) which voiced the expectancy that seemed to pervade the Conference. "Vukani, Bandle-bo" (Awake, O Church) was the challenge of the opening hymn.

Conference started a day earlier than usual in order that more time could be given to actual demonstration of the church at work. In the words of one teacher, messages were not abstract but everyone could see the right way.

The Literature/Visual Aids Committee planned the first view of the work of the Church. Above the platform hung the banner used at Wanezi for their Christian Literature and Tract Day. As this banner "FUNDA UPHILE" (Read and Live) floated in the breeze we both saw and heard of the value, production and distribution of Christian literature. A small, inexpensive projector operating from a car battery was demonstrated. With ninety-seven cars parked on the conference grounds we saw the very real possibility of showing film strip in the outlying areas. The Every Home Crusade was explained; the Brethren in Christ Church is working with those who are planning to get gospel tracts into every home in Rhodesia.

Passing into a different area we saw the foundation and operation of the Christian home. As the small folding organ played "Holy, Holy, Holy" a young mother of two boys walked down the aisle, in the simple but attractive wedding gown she had worn six years ago, to join her husband at the front of the church. When they walked across the platform, the large audience saw by illustration that a wedding need not be extravagant or a time for dancing. On the contrary it is a time for sacred joy and a stone in the foundation of the Christian home. When God made woman He did not take a bone from the foot or the head: the wife should be neither servant or boss. God took a rib—a bone near the heart. How can I know the Christian partner for me? There was a comparison of a Christian and a non-Christian village. Today we can shape the child as clay but tomorrow the clay will be dry. Our homes need to be tied together with love and prayer. Every member of the village should have his part in family prayers. In the final scene we heard of the enemies of the home.

Another vital area of the work of the church is that of Sunday School/Evangelism. Before our eyes was an example of a poorly organized Sunday School in which too many could see a reflection of their own errors. This, however, was followed with an example of a well organized group meeting on time, in unity, and with evident friendliness, preparation and worship. The importance of the teacher was emphasized; he must live as he teaches if he wishes to be effective. If your Sunday School lesson is alive it will be remembered. Each Sunday School needs to have a weekly opportunity to present an offering to the Lord.

The church is at work through the Book Room and colportage work. There are many books available at the Matopo Book Room which can be helpful to us, but the work of the Book Room is not only that at the counter. During the time of the opening of schools, books and Bibles leave this center by the ton. Then, as these buyers return to pay bills they are shown packets of good Christian literature which can be purchased and resold for an approximate third gain. There are colporteurs distributing Christian literature in the hospital and in villages. One young man selling books on the streets of Bulawayo was asked by another, "Can you sell me a book which can make me not to die?" After a mo-



ment's hesitation he showed the man a Bible which the enquirer purchased.

The Bible Institute provides a training ground for the church. Students participate in gospel teams, there have been refresher courses for evangelists, preachers and ordained men. It is here that "*Isibani Somtshumayeli*" (The Light of the Preacher) is prepared. This is a booklet with sermon outline suggestions for class members' meetings. The church paper, "Good Words" with articles in English, Ndebele and Tonga is published four times a year. Five young men from the Bible Institute sang in Ndebele the meaningful hymn "Ready." This area of church work was concluded with a round table discussion of church problems by the five ordained Rhodesian brethren. "When I finish Bible School is there work for me?" came the inquiry from the floor of the conference after the discussion. The answer, "Yes, much work." If the inquirer meant, "Is there money for me?" the answer may have been different. More than seventy-five graduates and others who had attended the Bible School came to the platform and sang the closing hymn of the session.

Bishop Book, in his opening remarks at the start of the business session, quoted the words of Gamaliel from Acts 5, "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." Among greetings from different areas was the verbal greeting from Zambia Regional Conference spoken by Bishop Musser. It was good to hear him say that the lack of love between Rhodesia and Zambia, portrayed in the newspapers, did not exist in the church.

Rev. P. M. Kumalo was chosen from among the overseers as assistant moderator. Mr. J. D. Ndlovu will serve as church treasurer for three years and Mr. W. Makalima as church secretary. There was expression of concern over the decrease in church offerings after the report of the treasurer. Following special prayer for God's guidance of the conference body each of the overseers was returned by secret ballot for another five-year period. For the first time there has been a need for church trustees and four men were selected to serve in this capacity.

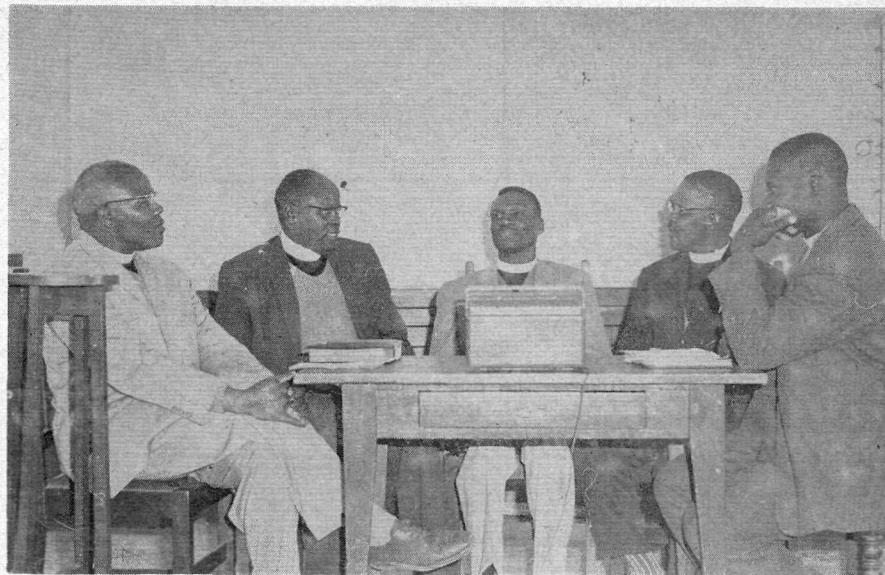
As the business conference came to its close spiritual goals were set forth for the coming year. First, every congregation growing. Saul Senda, giving the challenge, said we need fruit but we also want roots firmly in the ground since without these much growth above the ground is useless. Starting now - May - let there be growth in spirit and in number. Second, every man win another man now. A visit to our church services shows a small number of men. Something must be done, said Rev. B. H. Mlilo. Witness and win another! Bishop Book urged each member present to vote in his heart for these goals.

Saturday afternoon the church heard a report from her delegate to general conference in America. Rev. M. Sibanda returned with increased vision in the areas of giving and youth work.

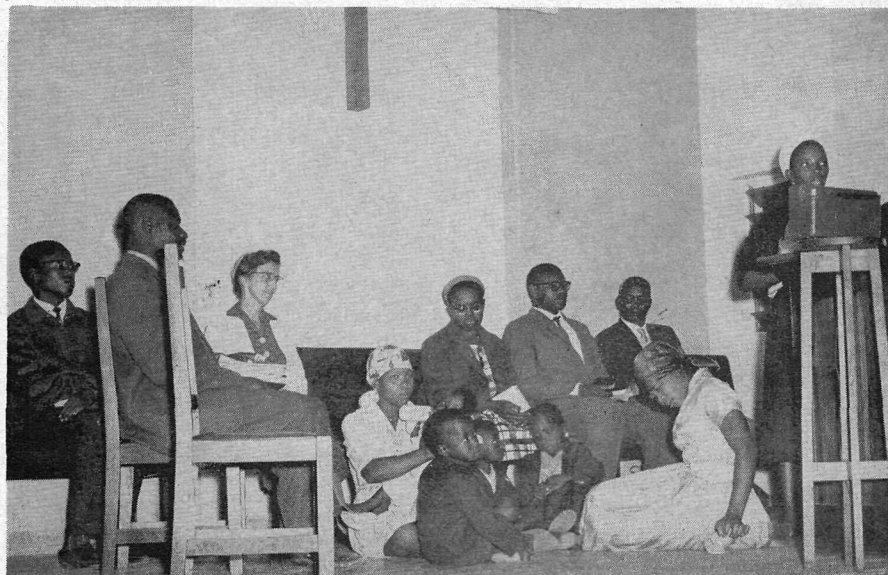
A service of consecration and induction set aside the Church Executive Committee and the overseers with their wives for further service to the church.

Bishop Musser gave instructions on self-examination. From the teachings of the Apostle Paul he urged us to examine our love, our zeal, our thoughts and our testimony in preparation for participating in the communion service. There were 674 who commemorated the suffering and death of our Lord on Sunday morning.

Saturday evening's service was a time of fellowship. There were greetings and farewells. Some of the spirit of the meeting could be seen when Rev. Vundhla, conducting



Round Table discussion by Rhodesian ordained brethren regarding "Problems and Work of the Church": P. M. Kumalo, M. Sibanda, N. S. Moyo, S. Vundhla, B. H. Mlilo.



During programme by Home and Family Life Committee, the Mlilo family about to illustrate Family Prayers (The girls are their working girls), B. Mlilo on chair and Mrs. Mlilo at pulpit stand. Others on platform: Caleb Kumalo (son of blind evangelist), Beth Frey, Makalima (Siziba) Dhlamini, Stephen Ndhlovu, Henry Neube.

a short praise service, called for ten men to stand and approximately thirty men stood simultaneously.

What will linger in the memories of those attending conference? To some the fellowship, to others the actual demonstration of truth, while to many it will be the evangelistic challenge of the evenings. Evangelist Shadrach Maloka from the Dorothea Mission of South Africa was used of the Lord to expose sin, to direct into the path of restitution, to challenge to consecration and infilling of the Holy Spirit. He taught numerous choruses; he counselled church leaders in a group—sinners individually; he prayed. The children present Saturday evening will not forget Proverbs 15:3. In his opening words on Wednesday evening he said, just as we do not thank the dish for the food we eat from it, so we should not thank the "dish" for any spiritual food. We should thank God, the giver.

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# Crusaders



Quiz Master Nelson Wingert, counsels with the Quiz Teams.

## Cross Roads Wins In Close Quiz Finals

IN A BREATH taking finish which left the large crowd jammed into the Upland, California Church weak with excitement, the Cross Roads Quiz Team became the National Champs for 1965, defeating the able New Guilford team from Allegheny Conference by the narrowest of margins, 145 to 140. The winning team represented the Atlantic Conference.



Midwest Conference: Mrs. Elbert Frey, Coach, Beth Engle, Pat Frey, Jana Dahlstrom, Shelley Frey, Joann Holt. (Roger Hoover, not pictured.)

New Guilford came to the finals undefeated; Cross Roads with one loss. When the latter took the first quiz, a second one was needed to determine the champion team. The double-elimination system was used in all the encounters at General Conference where the play-offs were held, thus giving each team a chance to come back after a loss.

Once again the national quiz director was the smiling, capable Nelson Wingert. Paul Snyder and Paul Hostetler served as the judges.

A total of five teams competed this year. The Midwest team from Zion, Kansas, was coached by Mrs. Elbert Frey, and was comprised of Beth Engle, Pat Frey, Jana Dahlstrom, Shelley Frey, Joann Holt and Roger Hoover.

The Central Conference Team came from Merrill, Michigan, and was coached by Ken Royer. Team members were Leon Brady, Ralph Lewis, Jerry Zook, Alice French, Mary Brady and Ted Zook.

Carrying the banner for the Pacific Conference was the Upland team. Their coach was Elaine Crider, and the quizzers were Gladys Clark, Rodney Bohen, Barbara Brumbaugh, Sandy Book, Rosemary Bohen, Jeanie Brubaker and Grace Musser.

The runner-up team, New Guilford, top in the Allegheny Conference, was coached by Ardith Wiles, and included Doreen Knepper, Rosanna Wingert, Joyce Sollenberger, Janice Sollenberger, Norma Burkholder and Diane Stoner.

The winning team, Cross Roads, representing the Atlantic Conference was led to victory by the Assistant Coach, John Dick. Their coach was Lloyd Myers. Team members



Pacific Conference: Gladys Clark, Rodney Bohen, Barbara Brumbaugh, Elaine Crider, Coach, Sandy Book, Rosemary Bohen, Jeanie Brubaker. (Grace Musser, not pictured.)

were Roy Hess, Jay Musser, Roy Hess, June Wolgemuth and David Mumma.

The Zion team sustained the first double loss, followed by Merrill, and then by Upland. Most of the contests were close ones, and all the teams showed evidence of many hours of hard work in preparation.

The Commission on Youth gave \$10 in cash to each member of the winning team and a plaque to the team as a whole. The Commission also gave \$3 to each member of the runner-up team. Messiah College gave a \$50 scholarship to each member of the Cross Roads team and a \$25 scholarship to the seven highest scorers (aside from those on Cross Roads).



These all-stars were: Doreen Knepper, New Guilford; Leon Brady, Merrill; Pat Frey, Zion; Jeanie Brubaker, Upland; Alice French, Merrill; Janice Sollenberger and Rosanna Wingert, New Guilford.

All participants in the conference finals received recognition certificates. And all quizzers who worked on teams throughout the church, and there were more than 250, gained untold benefit in hiding away the Word of God in their hearts.

Particular mention was made by many who observed the keen competition of the hard-fought matches, that the sportsmanship was on a high level. The young people not only showed unmistakable proof of their Bible knowledge,



**Allegheny Conference:** Doreen Knepper, Rosanna Wingert, Joyce Sollenberger, Ardith Wiles, Coach, Janice Sollenberger, Norma Burkholder, Diane Stoner.

but gave solid evidence that they were applying it in their lives.

For the losers—there is always another year. The Commission on Youth announced a quiz program for next year, with Matthew 16-28 and the Book of Philemon being the study portions.

—Page Editor

## The Church At Work

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Yes, it was a good conference. The food was good, each person could choose free food, food by ticket or that from the Mission store. Housing was adequate, the church commodious. The singing was varied; lively singing led by S. Mlotshwa during balloting, learning of choruses, special singing by quartettes and the voluntary choir and there was the hushed singing during the invitation. Prayer for the conference preceded it by months. There were voluntary periods of prayer in the early morning. And there were the after service prayer periods when scores then hundreds prayed audibly at one time - the sound of a mighty wind.

In the final challenge by Bishop Book 1077 people heard how the church at work was a going church, a growing church and a knowing church. "You don't measure a church by looking at its numbers but at its prayer life - its giving. . . . Have you promised the Lord anything during this conference? Go and do it!"

—Reported by Ethel Bundy & Nellie Mlotshwa

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**Atlantic Conference:** Roy Hess, John Dick, Asst. Coach, Jay Musser, Roy Hess, June Wolgemuth, David Mumma. (Lloyd Myers, coach, not pictured.)

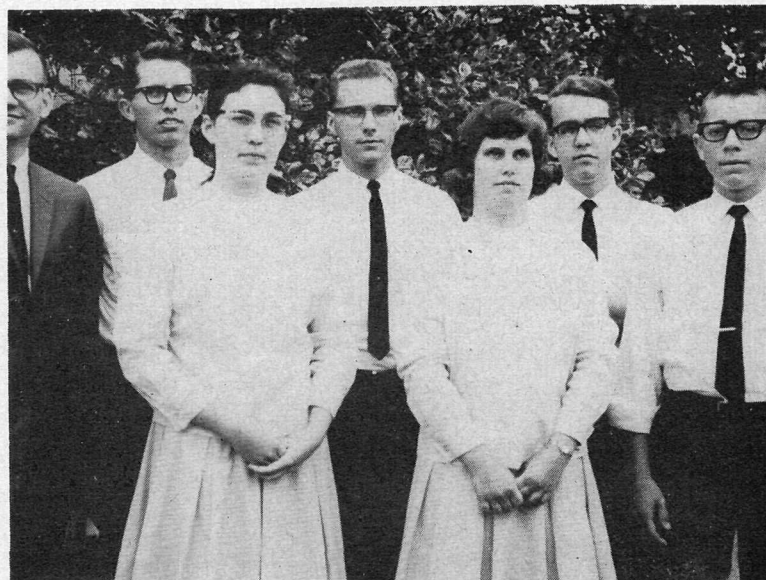
June 22, 1965  
Hagi, Japan

Dear "Dad,"

. . . Thank you for the air-speeded VISITOR. It was wonderful to receive the Conference sermon before it was even given.

Let me say too that I was most grateful to see your editorial on the race question. I am grateful for your courage and concern. In the eyes of many here America looks very bad and with it the church of Jesus Christ. Editorials like yours and examples of integration in our own experience at least help us to save face for the church in personal encounters where the problems come up.

Gratefully with love,  
Peter and Mary Willms



**Central Conference:** Ken Royer, Coach, Leon Brady, Ralph Lewis, Jerry Zook, Alice French, Mary Brady, Ted Zook.

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## Adieu To The Field

John Schock is a son of Jacob and the late Anna Fry Schock of Washington Boro, Pa. On December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day), he was married to Ruth Keefer, daughter of Jeremiah and the late Edna Nye Keefer of Palmyra, Pa.

During the next nine years they were employed by the Hershey Industrial School, on three different units. This responsibility was taken seriously—not as “idling” employment, for John never did things by halves. While they were working for this corporation, son John Jr. was born.

Stoverdale Camp, located R. D. Hummelstown, is a familiar name and experience to many in the lower Dauphin County area. Its spacious tabernacle was opened only once a year—for campmeeting. Yet here summer campers lived, and many came to swim in the Swatara. The Schocks with certain other young people felt an inner urge to do something positive in the Christian service, and the Stoverdale Camp area seemed a likely place to begin. The owner, Mr. Edward Stover, gave permission for Sunday afternoon services in the tabernacle. Here John had his first preaching experience.

If you know our Board for Home Missions and Extension, you know that they are “talent scouts.” And they like to obtain it in the Biblical way: calling gifted personnel who are already busily engaged.

When Bishop Henry Ginder, a member of the Board, heard of this little preaching mission at Stoverdale Camp, and knew something of its spiritual quality, he visited John Schock with an invitation to enter mission work under the Board. Bro. Schock accepted this as the leading of the Lord. In 1951 he was licensed as a gospel minister and assigned to Farris Mines congregation in Virginia.

For six years the Schocks devoted themselves to the work there and at neighboring Bethel. Attendance and interest increased year after year. Sunday evening services, prayer meetings, and revival meetings were consistently marked by the moving of the Spirit as manifested in fellowship among believers and conversion of the unsaved. For example:

A man of 61 years, addicted to drink, called the pastor to his home. He experienced instantaneous conversion with transformation of his life and heart.

In a W. M. P. C. meeting with thirteen present, each one volunteered public prayer, which some had never uttered before. In this little group were some non-member Christians, members from four Protestant denominations, and one Roman Catholic.

Meeting the Raymond Conners in their first contact with the Brethren in Christ Church was an experience which has truly abounded to the glory of God. Bro. Conner is the pastor at Adney Gap in Va., and daughter Eleanor (Mrs. Carl Ginder), is a missionary in Africa.

Then the Schocks were moved again; this time across conference lines; from Atlantic Conference to Central; from Virginia to Tennessee.

At DeRossett a schoolhouse had been converted into a small chapel with an “efficiency” apartment in the rear. Now it was time to build a parsonage and to remodel the present building for a more complete church plant. The Schocks had arrived on Feb. 7, 1957; by May the pastor and his family were moving, room by room, into the new

parsonage. After eight months, on October 6, 1957, both church and parsonage were dedicated.

The work was encouraging. The community responded to the genuine goodwill of the Schocks. The church grew in numbers and spirituality; the Sunday school attendance tripled in the first year. The members shouldered responsibility, and the General Conference of 1963 placed DeRossett on a fully self-supporting basis.

Also in the summer of 1963, services were begun at Pomeroy Chapel, about thirty miles distant. This well-built brick structure was acquired from the Evangelical Menonites in a wholly amicable transfer, and the work came under the administration of the Brethren in Christ Church. A number of people immediately transferred to become charter members, and others followed. Here too, as at DeRossett, stability and growth give promise of a rich Christian witness in the community.

About the middle of 1964 the Schocks were stationed in the growing little city of McMinnville, where an extension church is a prospect. They came into a new parsonage, and began Bible studies in the basement while pursuing plans for the erection of a church edifice. Bro. Schock also continued the charge at Pomeroy Chapel.

The Schocks have contributed to both church and community life, wherever the Board sent them. The pastor's ability as a carpenter enabled him to supervise construction and remodeling. Ruth and son John were staunch supporters in every good work. The three composed a much-loved and widely used trio.

Their outreach in Tennessee was enlarged by a weekly radio program. “Gospel Echoes” was heard each Saturday from 12:30 to 1:00 p. m. over Sparta WSMT, and featured Bible truth by spoken word and Schock music. Monthly “sings” at the church on a Saturday night were joyous occasions.

The Schocks absorbed so much of southern life and atmosphere that they won the confidence and friendship of their people to an unusual degree. They had the special gift of becoming “all things to all men.”

In a late communication with the Executive Secretary, Bro. Schock said: We have been under the Board of Extension of our Church for 14 years, and needless to say, this important work lies close to our hearts.” They will never forget; neither will they be forgotten. On July 25 Bro. Schock will be installed as pastor at Hollowell, Pa., in the Allegheny Conference.

The prevailing mood of this radiant family is well expressed in John Junior's favorite quotation from Emerson: “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

May the Lord give them many more fruitful, happy years to His glory.

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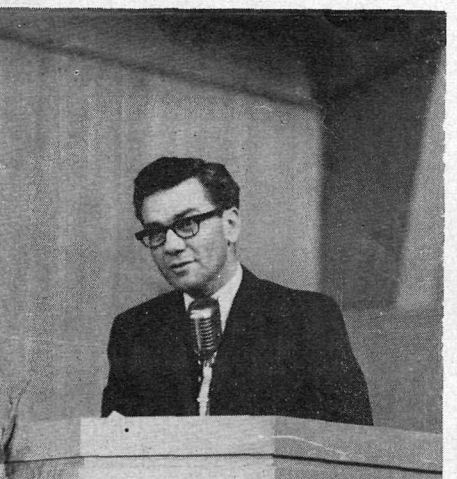
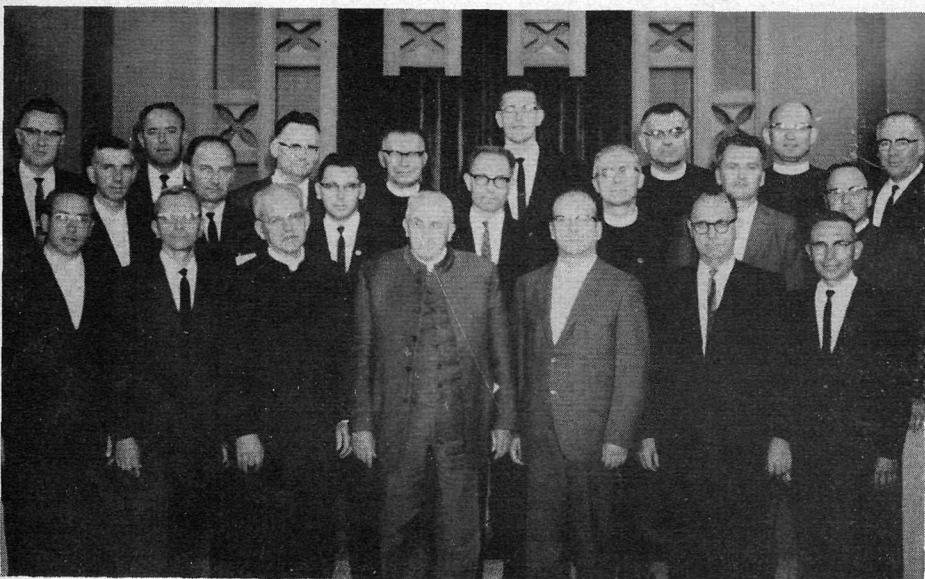
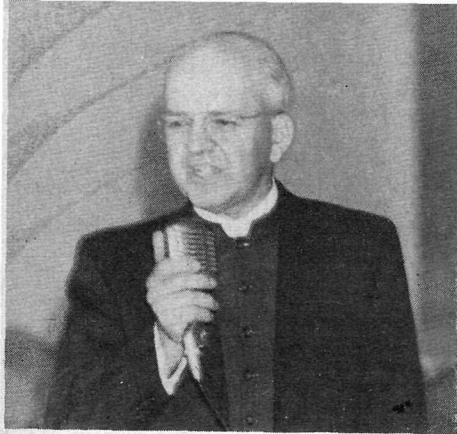
Esther Robinson, angel of the layette ministry in New York, has been hospitalized since Good Friday when she suffered a heart attack. This is a great trial for she loved her work and the mothers whom she served. She is greatly missed.

How about sending her cards of Christian cheer? Address:

Mrs. Esther Robinson  
Roosevelt Hospital  
Room G-509  
428 W. 59th St., New York, N. Y.

Gifts of financial aid as well would be appreciated. Specify for this expense, and send to Treasurer Andrew H. Slagenweit or to Rev. Paul Hill of Fellowship Chapel.





The General Conference marked a new turn in the Missions program of the Church. The change has to do with a co-relation and administration rather than any singular change in the present active program of missions and church extension.

A Board of Missions comprised of 21 men with the five bishops ex-officio was appointed. The move represents a bringing together in one Board what was formerly the Board for World Missions, Board for Home Missions and Extension, and the Peace, Relief and Service Committee.

The major change-over will not be effective until the close of the 1966 General Conference. Appointing the new Board at the 1965 General Conference provides opportunity for preliminary work necessary for an effective and smooth transfer and takeover in 1966.

This concentration and uniting of effort in areas that pertains to missions, relief, VS work, etc., whether here in America or around the world, should increase the efficiency and effectiveness of work that has been well done by the three agencies that are now coming into one Board.

The devotional periods contributed to the quality of the General Conference. Carefully prepared, thought provoking messages are helpful in creating a constructive atmosphere for the business sessions.

The General Conference sermon, presented by an Ontario pastor, Rev. Roy Sider, was laden with devotion, articulate concerning the ministry and mission of Christ and presented in depth, a challenge to proclaim God's message to today's world.

Guest speakers, in something of a new and inimical style, ways peculiar to a "firstness" among us, were well received.

Rev. Ben A. Jennings, Van Nuys, California, a pastor in the Missionary Church presented one devotional period and gave a missions presentation on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. C. Adrian Heaton, a Christian educator from Southern California Baptist Theological Seminary gave the Thursday evening address. He discussed the theme "Christian Education and The Church," using for his address, "One Mission."

A third guest speaker, Dr. Cornelius Haggard, President of Azusa College, presented two devotional meditations. In the Ministerial program, Dr. Haggard as leader of a Christian College giving priority to the preparation of Christian workers, discussed the theme, "God's Men Finding God's Men."

While General Conferences heretofore have given attention and time to youth, a fuller and more detailed program was featured at this General Conference. Saturday was Youth Day with morning and afternoon sessions in the College Chapel. Planned by the Youth Commission, the Annual Bible Quiz semi-finals, music,

*Top to bottom, left to right:* Executive Secretary of Board for World Missions, Henry N. Hostetter discusses from the floor; Paul G. Lenhart, M.D., chairs the missions promotion program, Thursday afternoon; newly appointed Board for Missions, absent from picture, Clair Hoffman, Charles Rife, Howard Landis and Samuel Wolgemuth; Pastor David Wenger, Union Grove, Indiana chats with David Mushala and Leslie Ddodlo, African brethren in attendance; Samuel F. Wolgemuth, Chairman of Board for World Missions leads the Conference in a time of prayer; Dr. Ernest Boyer addresses the Conference during the hour of Radio promotion; Dr. Kenneth Hoover, secretary of Peace, Relief and Service Committee chats with his pastor brother, Ira Hoover of the Nazarene Church.



readings, a program by the Crusader Team and message from Youth Director, Walter Winger, filled the day till 3:00 P. M. Then followed a Youth get-together in an informal setting.

General Conference is a time of doing business but such does not represent the sum total. Admittedly, it costs considerable money for the Brethren in Christ Church to convene an Annual General Conference. There are justifiable reasons to pause, analyze and ask very frankly for specific reasons supporting an Annual Conference.

There were the usual get-togethers. World Missions personnel met informally one evening in the Fellowship Hall. Another evening mission workers in America joined in a lighter vein mingling together. Teachers, nurses, ministers' wives, faculty-trustee members, each had their singular time of hello and meeting of minds that professionally have much in common.

A noticeable spread of interest is being increasingly attached to the life and ministry of General Conference. Concern for the family with its varied interests and age levels are receiving greater attention. This is good.

We live in a time when people travel. Families take trips together. One good reason for shifting the convening of General Conference to the last Wednesday before the first Sunday in July pertained to the family. Canada's July 1 holiday will now be affected each year by the convening of General Conference. A percentage of the years the American 4th of July will be involved.

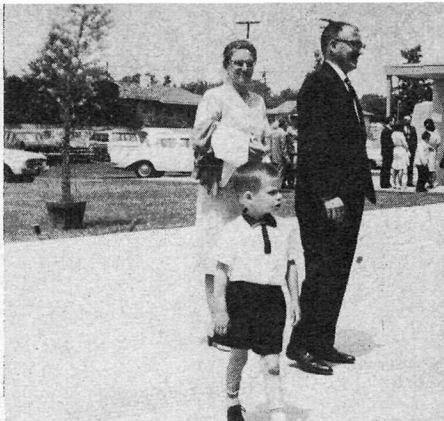
There are differences in view point as pertains to the frequency of the family attending General Conference. It is obvious, those providing entertainment and accommodations would despair if General Conference would become the family vacation interest center. True, this is not likely.

Commendation goes to the moderator, Bishop Charlie B. Byers and his assistant, Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga for a General Conference that was dispatched well with a relaxed atmosphere plus the poise and dignity befitting a General Conference. Both the Moderator and the General Conference Secretary kept the pressure on Conference to keep business moving ahead.

There was success this year in avoiding the last minute rush in completing the agenda. This allowed for routine closing, befitting a looking ahead into the Conference year now beginning. The General Conference Secretary announced a new name as the call of Conference to serve as Moderator for 1965-66, Alvin C. Burkholder, Bishop of the Midwest and Pacific Regional Conferences.

The usual dignity and solemnity prevailed in the installation of the Moderator-elect and transfer of the General Conference. Suitable remarks led to the closing, General Conference adjourning to meet June 29-July 3, 1966, the Lord willing on the Roxbury Camp Grounds, Roxbury, Penna.

*Top to bottom, left to right:* Publishing Agent, John E. Zercher and wife, Alice Grace, with son David enjoy a few moments of relaxation; Pastor Earl Martin and wife, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and the senior Earl Martins combined a family trip with attendance at General Conference; Three sisters, formerly Haldeman by name, now Eshelman, Bowers and Engle; the Marvin Hoovers, Mrs. Hoover was the nurse for the General Conference; Dr. John Z. Martin chats with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heise, Jr.; Jan Hoover and Judy Barr play some ping-pong; youth enjoying a bit of recreation.





# CHURCH NEWS

## BULLETIN BITS—

Three children were dedicated following the message "Children—God's Special Ones," at Rosebank, Kansas, Sunday morning, June 13.

Roy Sider served as evangelist for Niagara Christian College Camp, July 4-11. Harry Hock, scheduled evangelist had to cancel on account of illness.

Fred Frey is serving as interim pastor at Maytown, Pa., July 4-August 8. He will be installed August 15 as pastor of the Mastersonville congregation.

Pastor Avery Musser, Maytown, Pa., gave his farewell message, Sunday morning, June 27. The same afternoon he administered the rite of water baptism to seven applicants. The baptismal service was held in the Elizabethtown Church.

The Palmyra Church Choir presented an evening of music at the Souderton Church, Sunday evening, June 27. A return engagement by the Souderton Church Choir is scheduled for August 29 at Palmyra.

Pastor Donald Shafer of Elizabethtown received members into the church, administered Holy Communion and presented his farewell message, Sunday morning June 27.

An area missionary service was held at the Abilene Church, Kansas, June 27. Rev. Jacob Shenk by word and picture presented a missionary message on Africa.

The churches in Tennessee, DeRossett and Pomeroy were visited by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Climenhaga, Sunday, July 11.

Bert Ray Sider, Sherkston congregation, Ontario left for volunteer service, July 6, scheduled to serve in the Dominican Republic.

## Red Lion, Penna.

We held our first Missionary Conference the latter part of May. Presenting the theme "A Look at the Field, Africa" were missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Shenk, Miss Dorothy Gish and Rev. Walter Winger. A neighboring Methodist minister's wife, Mrs. Myrl Saxman presented special music in the afternoon session. Offerings for the day totaled \$185.00. It was a day that left its impression on all who attended, quite forcibly on the children.

Our hearts were encouraged recently when the Lord brought together a home that had been broken. When Pastor Lady was called to the home he found the husband and wife seated at the table with the Bible. The wife was penitent and sought the Lord for forgiveness and requested baptism. Later the husband sought the Lord and publicly confessed Christ at the altar.

Other guests in our congregation included returned missionary, Miss Edna Lehman who spoke to us concerning Africa; Rev. Albert Engle who was guest speaker for our third Anniversary service and Rev. William Woodland from Kingston, Ontario.

There was a 60% increase in attendance at Sunday school over March 1964. We continue to register a gain over last year's record. Some of this increased interest is due to separate worship programs. The children meet in the basement with their superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ott. We acknowledge a gift of \$200.00 from inter-

ested friends that was used to purchase chairs for the basement.

Mr. Charles S. Lady, leading and directing a choir from Niagara Christian College presented a very inspiring program of Gospel music. Rev. Paul McBeth from Chambersburg, Pa., ministered in a ten day revival campaign. His ministry was much appreciated with unusual interest among children and young people.

## Messiah Home Chapel, Harrisburg, Pa.

Two inspirational musical programs were presented recently. The Courriers Quartet from Harrisburg presented a very interesting program to a well filled chapel Tuesday evening May 25. The West Snyder Men's Chorus presented a program of sacred songs Sunday evening June 27.

Rev. Fred Frey who has been assisting in the work about the home gave a farewell message, Wednesday evening, June 30. They are leaving to assume the pastorate at Mastersonville, Pa.

Miss Mildred B. Heisey an employee at the Messiah Home has recently announced her engagement to Rodney C. Nevil of Harrisburg.

—Irene Wolgemuth



Pastor Ray Sider and associates break ground for new church at Welland, Ontario, Canada.

## Welland Breaks Ground

The congregation at Welland, Ontario, Canada gathered for a ground breaking service, Sunday evening, May 2. The pastor, Ray Sider, turned the first shovel of sod accompanied by three members of the Building Committee. The service was well attended.

## Wainfleet, Ontario

Twenty six individuals were received into church membership with twelve receiving the rite of water baptism during the first half of 1965. Bishop E. J. Swalm conducted a period of evangelistic services in March.

A new church building program was approved by the Annual Church Council. Work is already underway. The congregation was host to the Canadian Conference in March.

The well known Wainfleet Gospel Four recently conducted a most impressive service announcing the resignation of Neil Sider, baritone in the quartet. Ralph Sider is presently filling the vacancy. We have an active youth group with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gilmore serving as leaders. This group participates actively in church and community life.

Earlier this year Calvin Sider was elected and consecrated to the office of deacon.



## Elizabethtown, Pa.

Father's Day was observed by having Christ's Crusaders in charge of the devotional period of the Sunday School. Gerald Engle presented the "Origin of Father's Day" while Carol Martin gave a modern version of "The Prodigal Son," and then led in prayer.

The Crusaders distributed red rose buds to every father present and a special recognition was given to Lester Brenaman, the oldest father present and Mike Jambretz, the youngest father. Arthur Niesley reported on the progress of the Daily Vacation Bible School and its project. A goal of \$125.00 was set to purchase a magazine rack for the Matopo Secondary school library. Our missionary, Miss Dorothy Martin, was the school librarian prior to her coming to America on furlough.

In evening vespers the film "The City of Bees," a sermon from science was presented. Preceding the presentation the pastor, Rev. Don Shafer, dedicated the new projector procured through funds raised by various Crusader projects such as car washing, shoe shining, etc.

Following vespers, friends and members of the congregation gathered for an informal time of fellowship in behalf of the Shafer family. Arthur Niesley, deacon, presented Rev. and Mrs. Shafer with a beautiful picture "The Way to Emmaus" and an artistically decorated cake in the shape of an open Bible upon which appeared Joshua 1:9. Many expressions of deep appreciation for Rev. and Mrs. Shafer's eight years of faithful and loving service mingled with serious farewells followed.

June 28 was cleanup and redecoration day at the parsonage. This was preparatory to the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. Glenn Ginder whose installation is scheduled for July 11.

*Ruth C. Kraybill, Cor.*

## Alderfers Celebrate

### Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Alderfer, Upland congregation, California was observed June 15 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The reception was opened by suitable remarks and prayer by Bishop Alvin C. Burkholder. Two hundred twenty-five guests attended the event. The couple have two sons, four daughters and eighteen grandchildren.

The Alderfers have spent their married life in Upland. Brother Alderfer served the church faithfully in various capacities. He filled the office of deacon for nearly 37 years and is now in his 40th year as church treasurer. For 15 years he was a member of the Upland College Board of Trustees. For 15 years he served as a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Brethren in Christ Church.

May the Lord grant the Alderfers many more years of happiness and service for the Lord.

*Alma B. Cassel, Cor.*

## Hollowell, Penna.

"Discovering with Christ" was the theme of our Daily Vacation Bible School June 21-25. All previous records in attendance were broken with an average attendance for the week of 363. The missionary goal was \$330 which was also exceeded. We are happy for those who found Christ as their Saviour this week. A challenging film entitled "The Master's Face" was featured in the closing program.

Dr. Lewis S. Graff was guest speaker during Family month. Dr. James Teeter, a Waynesboro surgeon, was guest speaker for the young people's department. Special recognition was given for the graduates Sunday morning June 7.

There was a challenge set for Mother's Day versus Father's Day. The mothers challenged the fathers to see which would have the most present. The mothers received the congratulations with 118 in attendance.

Our pastor and wife received a son, Daniel Eugene, aged 19 months, into their home. The ladies of the church held a shower for this new son.

## Births

PAUGSTAT—Daniel John, born May 27, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Paugstat, Upland congregation, California.

SANTOS—Johanna Lea, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Santos (nee Ardys Wolgemuth), Ledyard, Connecticut, June 22, 1965. Mrs. Santos was formerly from the Cross Roads congregation, Mt. Joy, Pa.

SNYDER—Mark Alan, born March 18, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder, Red Lion congregation, Pa.

STUMP—Annette Lorraine, born May 8, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stump, Upland congregation, California.

SUTTER—Kent Anthony, born May 27, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Sutter, Upland congregation, California.

## Weddings

BYER-KNIESLY — Miss Dorothy M. Kniesly, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kniesly of the Fairview congregation, Englewood, Ohio became the bride of Mr. Clarence Byer of the Upland congregation, California, Saturday, May 22, 1965. The ceremony was performed at the Upland Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor Eber B. Dourte officiating.

COLLINS-SLONAKER—Miss Mary Jane Slonaker, Red Lion, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Lonnie Lee Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins, Felton, Pa., April 3, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Pleasant View Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor Samuel Lady officiating.

GEORGE-HOLSINGER — Miss L. Holsinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holsinger, Covington, Ohio and Mr. Carl G. George, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul George, Pleasant Hill, Ohio were united in marriage June 26, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Pleasant Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor William R. Hoke officiating.

HURST-KOOKEN—Miss Gayle Ann Kookan, daughter of Mrs. Maxine Kookan, Abilene, Kansas and Frank Hurst, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst, Jamestown, New York, were united in marriage, June 25, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Brethren in Christ Church, Abilene, Kansas. Rev. David Wenger and Rev. Glenn Hensel officiated.

KEEFER - ST. SING — Miss Donna St. Sing, daughter of Mrs. Eugene St. Sing, Millersburg, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Karl Keefer, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Edgar Keefer, Halifax, Pa., June 19, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Millersburg, Pa. The father of the groom, Rev. J. Edgar Keefer performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Robert P. Stokes.

KNEPPER-HERR—Miss Winifred Herr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amor Herr, Troy, Ohio and Mr. Carl Knepper, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Knepper, Duncannon, Pa., were united in marriage, June 6, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Pleasant Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor William R. Hoke officiating.

NOLT-HEISEY—Miss Ruth Heisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Heisey, Mt. Joy, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Jack Nolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Nolt, Mt. Joy, Pa., Saturday, June 19, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, Pastor B. E. Thuma officiating.

ROBINSON-JARVIS—Miss Carol Marie Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jarvis, Markham, Ontario, became the bride of Mr. James Edward Robinson, Uxbridge, Ontario, June 5, 1965. The ceremony was performed in the United Missionary Church, Markham, Ontario by the bride's great uncle, Rev. George C. Sheffer, assisted by Rev. Grant Sloss.

## Obituaries

YODER—Orville Lloyd Yoder, born December 23, 1886 near Wakarusa, Indiana, passed away June 24, 1965 at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa.

Since 1922 he has resided at Grantham, Pa., until three years ago when he took up residence at the Messiah Home.

His first wife, Elsie Good Yoder passed away in 1921. Later he was united in marriage to Cora Miller who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Rev. Leroy G., Harrisburg; and Harold O., Elizabethtown; three daughters, Miss Leora G. Yoder, missionary at Madhipura, India; Mrs. D. Paul Shank, Broadway, Va., and Amy B., Portland, Oregon. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Aleksy Kurylo and children, Micky and Marie, whose coming to America Mr. Yoder sponsored in 1950 are also included with the family.

Mr. Yoder became a Christian at about 21 years of age. He first joined the Mennonite Church, later joining the Brethren in Christ Church at Grantham. He was a member of the Messiah Home congregation at the time of his death. He had a deep and continuing interest in missions. Brother Yoder expressed his special interest in India Missions by he and Sister Yoder contributing what is now known as the Yoder Ward of the Madhipura Hospital.

A memorial to Lloyd Yoder is being established by members of the family, relatives and friends. It will provide for permanent improvement to or additions to Madhipura Hospital, Madhipura Mission, Bihar Province, India.

Funeral services were conducted at the Grantham Church with Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Rev. Walter Winger, and Pastor LeRoy B. Walters officiating. Interment was in the Grantham Memorial Cemetery.

ELLIOTT—Mrs. J. R. Elliott, Stayner, Ontario, passed away, June 18, 1965, Collingwood, Ontario in her 69th year. For a number of years, health permitting, they faithfully attended the Stayner Brethren in Christ Church.

Funeral services were held from the Mathers Funeral Home, Stayner, Ontario, June 21, 1965. Her pastor, Rev. George C. Sheffer officiated, assisted by Rev. C. Berry of the United Missionary Church. Interment was in the Stayner Cemetery.

ENGLE—Mrs. Katie Engle, widow of the late Cube H. Engle, passed away at the Fairview Convalescent Home, Columbia, Pa. She was a member of the Cross Roads congregation, Mt. Joy, Pa. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Eli Wolgemuth and Mrs. Paul P. Heisey, Elizabethtown; and Harry W. Engle, Hershey, Pa. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was converted early in life and was a faithful member until death.

Funeral services were held from the Cross Roads Church, Pastor B. E. Thuma officiating. Interment was in the East Donegal Cemetery.



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## Religious Groups Object to Labor Union Clause

AKRON, PA. (MCC)—Spokesmen for four religious groups who object on religious grounds to belonging to unions or paying dues to a union as a condition of employment, testified on June 8 before the House Special Labor Subcommittee, a committee of the United States Congress.

The four witnesses were Guy F. Hersher of the Mennonite Church, Frederick N. Walker for the Plymouth Brethren, W. Melvin Adams for the Seventh Day Adventists, and James DeForest Murch for the National Association of Evangelicals.

The hearings were conducted in response to President Johnson's request for repeal of section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits states to enact laws banning union-management agreements that make union membership a condition of keeping a job, the so-called right-to-work laws.

Hersher's statement took a position neither for nor against the right-to-work laws but spoke to the question of recognition of conscience:

"Many Mennonites as well as others have conscientious scruples against membership in organizations, whether of management or labor, which would make them responsible for coercive procedures (such as strikes and boycotts) . . . We believe the question before us to be one of religious liberty . . . It is our belief that any organization serving the general public, to the extent the labor organizations do, should recognize the conscience of the religious objector."

AFL-CIO president George Meany believes that unions and employers "should accommodate themselves to genuine individual religious scruples." However, Meany feels that exemptions should not be legislated but should be worked out directly by the religious groups, unions, and employers.

If no adequate legislative solution will be forthcoming, then representatives of the Mennonite Church and other groups will have to work with the labor unions in an effort to find an answer to the problem which will provide for freedom of conscience.

## Asian Churches Seen Producing Next "Thrust" of Christianity

NEW YORK (EP)—Christianity's next great thrust will come not from the United States or Europe but from the new Churches of Asia, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president-emeritus of Union Theological Seminary declared here.

"The churches of Asia are far more buoyant in their faith and far more contagious than churches in the United States," he told the annual dinner meeting of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

Explaining that he tended toward the pessimistic point of view, Dr. Van Dusen, a former president of the board, said: "I think this country of ours is far gone in moral decadence. He cited the crimes of violence on the streets of American cities and observed: "If law and order is the criterion of civilization, then we're the barbarians."

## Ontario-Quebec Baptists End Curriculum Arrangement

LONDON, ONT. (EP)—The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec voted at its annual meeting here to sever a working relationship with the United Church of Canada on a joint Sunday school curriculum.

The controversial books used as part of that curriculum caused a storm across Canada when they were introduced earlier by the United Church. Many Baptists protested against their use.

A stormy debate here was accompanied by some efforts to secure passage of motions of censure and no-confidence against the Christian Education Department of the Convention. The vote to end the agreement with the United Church was decided by a 75-vote margin among 900 registered delegates.

After the decision was made known, several delegates charged there had been illegalities. They said there were 900 registered delegates, but that 1,020 votes had been cast in four secret ballots.

Dr. Roy C. Cook, president of the Convention, said he was certain there had been nothing wrong. He explained the vote count by pointing to a great number of late registrations.

The chairman of the Christian Education Department, Dr. L. K. Daniel of Brampton, Ont., said Sunday school curriculum books for the first two years will be offered to parents who wish their children to use them. "We'll burn the rest," he said.

## Ministers' Degrees Called "A Lot of Nonsense"

LONDON, ONT. (EP)—"This degree business for ministers is a lot of nonsense," the Rev. Earl Lautenschlager, principal of Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, charged here.

He told delegates to the annual meeting of the United Church of Canada's London Conference that only ministers demand that ministers have degrees. "The laymen never look to see if you have one, even in the big Churches," he said.

Calling for a return to the days of "less-degreed, grass-roots pastors," Dr. Lautenschlager said there was too much emphasis placed on psychology in a minister's training. Instead, he held, there should be more on theology, on which counseling of parishioners should be based.

"Maybe we'd better go back to the days of our forefathers in the Methodist and Anglican Churches, who had a white surplice which made you nice, not funereal, like the academic hood we demand."

## Atheist Backs Church-Red Relations, Adds That Marxism "Will Win"

VIENNA (EP)—A leading East German atheist and scientist said here that he rejected the "antiquated belief that believers must be primitive or superstitious people."

Olaf Klohr, professor of scientific atheism at an East German university, pointed out in a lecture here that he had many friendly contacts with Catholics on different problems, "in which the same platform was possible, as in the question of world peace."

He claimed the Churches were not persecuted in East Germany. "Christian and Marxist humanism will exist side by side for some time, until Marxism finally will win."

Prof. Klohr said interest in religion can never be abolished by force. Commenting on what has been called the "irreconcilability of Christianity and Socialism," he noted that "the position of the Church has undergone basic changes." He illustrated this statement by citing encyclicals of Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII.

"It would be unscientific and un-Marxist to neglect these changes and to reject a dialogue with the Church," he said.

## Failure to Attend Church High on Americans' "Worry" List

NEW YORK (EP)—Americans today are beset by a wide range of worries, with non-church-going high on the list.

This was indicated in a new copyrighted Harris Survey which sampled opinion to determine the causes of concern among individuals.

High majorities of the public were shown to be worried about their lack of regular church attendance, about wasting too much time, about not reading enough and about not taking an active enough part in community affairs.

Fourth highest on an "intensity of concern" scale was church absenteeism. Of those questioned, 43 per cent said they "often felt bad" about not worshipping regularly; 35 per cent said they "sometimes or hardly ever felt bad" and 22 per cent answered that they "never felt bad."

Among chief causes of concern, not attending church was topped on the scale only by over-eating, being out of shape physically and doing too little reading.

## Rockefeller Signs Bill to Curb Pornography

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP)—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller signed a bill which bans the sale or distribution of obscene material, movies, pictures or records to young people under 17 years of age.

The legislation effective Sept. 1, makes it a misdemeanor "knowingly" to subject teenagers to pornography "harmful to minors." It carries a penalty of up to a year in jail, a \$500 fine or both.

In the past courts have struck down state anti-obscenity laws on the grounds that their definition of pornography was ambiguous.

The new legislation explicitly defines obscenity as material that "predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests of minors," is "patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole," or is "utterly without redeeming social importance for minors." It follows a "U.S. Supreme Court formula."

## "Cold War" Over, Priest Tells N. Y. Presbyterians

KEUKA PARK, N. Y. (EP)—A Roman Catholic priest-editor told New York State Presbyterians here that the Vatican Council's definition of the Church ends 400 years of "cold war" between Protestants and Catholics.

Father John Sheerin, C.S.P., called the Constitution on the Church, approved by Vatican II, the highest point in the evolution that has ended "our four-centuries-long cold war" which began with the Reformation.

Father Sheerin was the first Catholic priest to give the annual Auburn Seminary Lectures that precede annual meetings of the United Presbyterian Synod of New York. The editor of the Catholic World, long a leader in the Christian unity movement, has been an information aide to American bishops at the Council.